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# News from the Network

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## **Greetings Volunteer Network Members:**

It's a new year and we're feeling all shiny and bright. The first event on our agenda every year is the MLK Day of Service. We're excited that 60 organizations are sponsoring volunteer projects on this National Day of Service, remembrance and celebration. Many of them are still in need of volunteers! It's going to be a busy and productive day for many of our member agencies. So check out all of the projects online at [www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk) and spread the word!

~Bet & Lucy

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## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **January Volunteer VIP Session – Jan. 20**

**Who:** Volunteer Coordinators

**What:** Volunteer VIP Session - Using Technology to Benefit Your Volunteer Program!

**When:** Jan. 20th from 3:30-5 p.m.

**Where:** Bloomington Hospital Auditorium (601 W. 2nd St.); parking is free in the lot beneath the hospital

**Why:** It's a great chance to interact with your peers, learn about and discuss this timely topic, and have a chance to win one of three fabulous prizes . . .

**RSVP:** to [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov) or Bet (349-3472) by Jan. 15.

Ever feel lost in a sea of constantly changing technology? In a world of touch screen blackberries, iPhones, blogs and the wireless internet, it can be daunting to keep up with these changes. But many of these changes can and already have been used to recruit and manage a new generation of volunteers. Don't miss this exciting and informative session where we'll cover:

- **Trends:** Who is using what, where, when and how? What your organization needs to know to target the "dot com" generation and still appeal to the "Baby Boomers".
- **Technology and Volunteers:** Web-based programs and lessons learned from the 2008 Presidential campaign are transforming the way we find and keep volunteers. Come find out what can work for you.
- **Virtual Volunteering:** From virtual counseling to database management this is one of the fastest growing fields in volunteerism. Distance, time and resources-on-hand are becoming less of an issue. This brief overview will open doors to virtual volunteering for your organization.

Our thanks to Peter Iversen and Connie Hill! Peter organized this Volunteer VIP session. Peter is the Community Relations & Volunteer Coordinator for the Salvation Army of Monroe County and can be reached at 812-336-4310 ext. 12 or [peter.iversen@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:peter.iversen@usc.salvationarmy.org). Connie, who is the Volunteer Services Director for Bloomington Hospital, will be our session host.

Would you like to work with us on a future VIP meeting topic? Let us know!

## **Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism!**



Oct. 28, 29 - 2009 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism in Indianapolis (more information will be posted soon through the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives website: [www.in.gov/ofbci](http://www.in.gov/ofbci))

## **RESOURCES**

### **United Way Nonprofit Resource Center**

Free e-book available: *Turn Your Organisation Into A Volunteer Magnet*. This ebook is made available from Volunteer Dacorum, a volunteer center in England. Go to [http://www.volunteerdacorum.org/volunteer\\_magnet.pdf](http://www.volunteerdacorum.org/volunteer_magnet.pdf)

## **GRANTS, FUNDING AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMS**

### **Sodexo Foundation "Hunger" Scholarships**

You may know that the Sodexo Foundation ([www.SodexoFoundation.org](http://www.SodexoFoundation.org)) provides \$5,000 scholarships to students in K - grad school who are fighting hunger in America. If you have kids, know kids or have heard of any kids anywhere in the US...who may be doing great things to fight hunger, encourage them to apply between Jan. 1 and Feb. 27. Last year our youngest recipient was nine years old, so don't let age be a barrier.

In addition to the scholarships, the Sodexo Foundation will provide a matching \$5,000 grant to the winners' designated charity. You can learn more about this great program at [www.SodexoFoundation.org](http://www.SodexoFoundation.org). Access key: **SDXF** is needed to submit an application.

If you can send this to some of your distribution lists, this is great information to pass on to a PTA, school guidance counselors, Scout organizations, student clubs, sororities, fraternities, alumni organizations, Linked In, Facebook, etc.



There are more than 36 million people at risk of hunger in America, so thank you for sharing this information with as many people as you can.

### **Enter for your chance to win a trip to the 2009 Presidential Inauguration and be a part of MLK Day of Service!**



As we usher in this exciting new era of change we recognize that everyone has a part to play. So, how will YOU commit to bringing about change in your neighborhood, your community or your nation? Campus Compact and The Case Foundation are calling on people across the country to join the Change Begins With Me campaign by sharing how you will be part of the change.

Tell us your commitment in 250 characters or less and enter for your chance to win a trip to Washington, DC to be part of the MLK Day of Service and exciting inaugural celebration events including two tickets to the official Inauguration of Barack Obama.

No idea is too big or too small. Everyone has a role to play.

Share your commitment NOW! Visit <http://change.casefoundation.org/?source=CBMPCT>

**Deadline to enter: Monday, January 12th, 2009 @ 3pm EST.**

### **City Offering Buskirk-Chumley Theater Grant Program – deadline Jan. 30.**

The City of Bloomington's Parks and Recreation Department and the Office of the Mayor have announced the 2009 Buskirk-Chumley Theater Grant Program. The goal of the program is to provide community organizations low-cost access to the theater for programming with clear benefit to the public. [Read more about this opportunity here.](#)

## **"Pay It Forward Program" Gives No-Cost Rentals for Nonprofits at the BCT**

Do you know about the Buskirk-Chumley Theater's "Pay It Forward" donation campaign? Individuals or businesses which give to the Buskirk-Chumley Theater at the \$2,000+ level during their annual campaign not only support fantastic programming in our community, but can benefit their favorite non-profit organization at the same time! At this level of giving, the individual or business is rewarded with a free use of the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. The donor may utilize this rental for their own purposes – a private gathering or company party – or the donor may PAY IT FORWARD by giving this reward to any local non-profit arts group or social service agency to use. The donor is then able to take the full amount of tax benefit (\$1,000 credit from the Theater, \$1,000 credit from the nonprofit). That's giving twice! Questions? Contact Danielle McClelland, Executive Director, BCT Management, Inc. at [director@buskirkchumley.org](mailto:director@buskirkchumley.org) or (812) 323-3022.

## **City's King Commission Seeks Nominees for MLK Legacy Award - Deadline Jan. 9**

Nominate someone who has made significant and tangible contributions in the areas of race relations, justice, and human rights for this annual award presented at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. Nominations are due January 9, 2009. [Submit a nomination online or download the nomination form here.](#)

## **President's Volunteer Service Awards – Rolling Deadline**

The Volunteer Network administers this program locally for those 18 and under. While there is no specific due date for these awards, the Network submits them on the first of each month. These awards are an excellent way to reward and recognize the young volunteers in your program, and it helps them with their job, college and scholarship applications! [Read More About How to Apply.](#)

## **CALENDAR**

### **Jan. 9**

**Deadline to submit MLK Legacy Award nominations** (see above)

### **Jan. 19**

#### **MLK Holiday – Day of Service**

Make yours "A Day On! Not A Day Off". Service projects and volunteer opportunities for Bloomington are listed [here](#).

### **Jan. 20**

#### **Volunteer VIP meeting**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Topic: Technology and Volunteer Management. Peter Iverson, the Community Relations and Volunteer Coordinator for the Salvation Army, is the lead for this program that is sure to be on the technology tip!

### **Jan. 30**

**Deadline to submit City Buskirk-Chumley Theater grant proposal** (see above)

### **April 21**

#### **Be More Awards – Annual Community Volunteer Celebration & Recognition**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Come celebrate our community's amazing volunteers at this well-loved event (formerly known as the Heart and Hand Awards) returning to the Buskirk-Chumley Theater during National Volunteer Week 2009! More information about nominations and the awards ceremony will be available soon.

### **National Days of Service in 2009**

January 19, 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

April 24-26, 2009 Global Youth Service Day

April 19-25, 2009 National Volunteer Week

May 2, 2009 Join Hands Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

## **WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE**

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)  
[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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